

control over land and property. Although Mr. Blohm was a critic of state Coastal Commission procedures, in 1978, the Board of Supervisors picked Mr. Blohm as its representative on the Coastal Commission.

Mr. Blohm remained strong in his beliefs, and was a supporter of programs that he believed would benefit the Central Coast. His admirable career of public service was dedicated to improving the Coastal Coast, and his contributions have made a significant impact. I, along with the Central Coast community, would like to honor the life of Mr. Blohm's whose dedication and contributions are truly commendable.

**TRIBUTE TO WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE 509TH BOMB WING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to the Whiteman Air Force Base 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team. On July 12, 2001 the team successfully helped a TWA flight divert a tragedy by acting with precision and expertise.

The 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team is made up of firefighters, security forces, medics, transportation, chaplain, legal, public affairs, and services. Nearly every unit at Whiteman AFB played a role in the successful execution of this mission. After an emergency landing the team was on hand to help safely unload every passenger and transport them to the community center.

At the community center passengers were offered an array of services and support, including meals, free phone calls and entertainment. Members of the team did sign language for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese to three passengers that spoke no English and spent their own money on snacks for the travelers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the members of the 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team for such outstanding performances during the recent unexpected commercial landing. These men and women went above and beyond the call of duty and deserve our praise. I know that Members of the House will join me in sending the 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on Monday, July 23, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted: on roll 257, H.R. 2137, Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act of 2001, "yea"; on roll 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act, "yea"; and on roll 259, S. 468, James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, "yea".

I was unable to return to Congress on July 23, 2001 due to a funeral of a close family

friend. Therefore, I respectfully request an excused absence for July 23, 2001.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. TIM ROEMER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that as a result of several unanticipated flight delays associated with my travel from South Bend, Indiana in my district, I was not able to be present in the chamber to cast my votes on Monday, July 23, 2001. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall No. 257—H.R. 2137, the Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act; "yea" on Rollcall No. 258—H.R. 1892, the Family Sponsor Immigration Act; and "yea" on Rollcall No. 259—S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JIM NUSSLE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, my vote was not recorded on rollcall votes Nos. 257–259. Had my votes been recorded, they would have been in the following manner:

Rollcall vote No. 257 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 2137)—"yea".

Rollcall vote No. 258 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1892)—"yea".

Rollcall vote No. 259 (to suspend the rules and pass S. 468)—"yea".

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MARK GREEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 257, Criminal Law Technical Amendments (H.R. 2137), had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; and on rollcall No. 259, S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM N. GUERTIN**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a community leader, Mr. William N. Guertin, who has served the interests of physicians and patients in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties since 1971. Mr. Guertin served as Assistant Executive Director of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) from 1971 to 1984 and in 1984 be-

came Executive Director of the ACCMA. He continues to serve in that position. Today, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for his leadership in serving the public by promoting and improving the quality of medical care administered to patients throughout his tenure.

Mr. Guertin is well-respected among medical association executives across the country, having been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Medical Society Executives (AAMSE) in 1994. He will be installed as President of AAMSE on July 27, 2001, in Washington, D.C., due to his exemplary accomplishments in the field of medicine.

The Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) is the second largest county medical association in California, currently with a membership of approximately 3100 medical doctors. Under Mr. Guertin's executive leadership, the ACCMA has promoted the quality of medical care and the well-being of patients in the East Bay community in numerous ways.

Mr. Guertin has worked hard to protect physicians from impositions that interfere with their ability to practice medicine and to preserve their relationships with patients. This has directly benefited physicians by allowing them to maximize their abilities to provide quality care for their patients.

Mr. Guertin has also been involved with exposing proposals that would exploit patients and physicians for profit. His goal has always been to uphold the quality of care for patients by exposing any measures that might hamper this goal in any way. He has extensively reviewed and analyzed health plan contracts while educating physicians on the perils of signing unfair agreements. Often these contracts will contain provisions that conflict the relationship between doctors and their patients by refusing doctors the right to provide medically necessary treatment to patients. As a result of Mr. Guertin's efforts, many physicians refuse to sign contracts that withhold their right to make treatment decisions for their patients.

In his tenure at the ACCMA, Mr. Guertin has created programs and activities to promote public health, quality and access to care, and professional standards in the local medical community. This has allowed patients within the community to lead more robust and healthier lives.

Mr. Guertin has continued to bring issues affecting quality of care to the attention of elected officials and the public to promote effective reforms.

He has operated a community blood bank to maintain an adequate blood supply and needed blood services for patients in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This has proved to be highly advantageous and convenient in efficiently providing vital care to patients within the community.

Mr. Guertin has also participated on statewide and national advisory committees to promote medical association activities on behalf of physicians and patients.

He has dedicated his life to promoting quality care for patients. He has worked diligently to ensure that physicians are able to promote quality medical care. Mr. Guertin is a respected leader, activist, and humanitarian. He has brought about a wealth of positive change to our community.

I thank Mr. Guertin for dedicating his time and insight for many years and for providing

such quality care to individuals. I also congratulate him on his election as the President of the American Association of Medical Society Executives. I am positive that he will continue his outstanding work in promoting the welfare of patients and improving the quality of our lives. Congratulations Mr. Guertin and I wish you the best in your quest to improve the lives of our community in the Bay Area and throughout the nation.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 257 on 7/23/2001 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MARY G. IEZZI

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**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, please insert the obituary on the attached sheet in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MARY G. IEZZI, 91, CO-FOUNDED ALBERINI'S NILES—Mary G. Iezzi, 91, 103 Moreland, died 3:52 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1909, in Niles, a daughter of August and Sadie Polita Corso.

Mrs. Iezzi co-founded Alberini's Restaurant with her daughter and son-in-law, where she worked in the kitchen, making her famous homemade spaghetti sauce for the past 43 years, until two months ago.

She was a member of the Niles Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall and enjoyed cooking.

Her husband, Thomas, whom she married Oct. 31, 1926, died July 28, 1978.

Survivors include a son, Raymond of Niles; a daughter Gilda Alberini of Warren; two brothers, Anthony and John Corso, both of Niles; two sisters, Catherine DiFebo of Hermitage, Pa. and Rose Liberatore of Niles; a granddaughter and caregiver with whom she resided, Mary Ann Nicholas of Niles; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Two daughters, Sadie Nicholas and Isabelle Iezzi; two brothers, August and Joseph Corso, and two sisters, Margaret Soriano and Ann Corso, are deceased.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Joseph Rossi Funeral Home in Niles, where friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Niles City Cemetery.

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TRIBUTE TO ROSALIE S. WOLF, PIONEER IN FIGHT AGAINST ELDER ABUSE

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**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2001*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rosalie S. Wolf, Ph.D. Rosalie,

an international leader in the fight against elder abuse, the long time Director of the Institute on Aging of the University of Massachusetts Memorial Health Care System in Worcester, as well as a friend and constituent, passed away on June 26, 2001.

Rosalie Wolf was the Founder and President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Through her research, advocacy, and coalition building skills, Rosalie brought the issue of elder abuse to the halls of Congress in search of legislative solutions. She helped raise the public consciousness about the scourge of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

During Rosalie's tenure as president, the Committee advised Congress and the Executive Branch on legislation and other programs that were needed to combat elder abuse and neglect. Rosalie testified on several occasions before Congress and served as a project director for three national programs funded by the Administration on Aging regarding elder abuse information dissemination. She also served as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and she helped secure passage of a resolution on elder abuse prevention.

In addition to these accomplishments, she also served as an organizational partner and member of the management team for the National Center on Elder Abuse in Washington. Rosalie worked as Editor and contributor to the highly acclaimed *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*. Her impact was felt internationally when she worked to found the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.

Rosalie Wolf was the recipient of many awards, most notably the Donald P. Kent award from the Gerontological Society of America for exemplifying the highest standards of professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society.

The UMass Memorial Health Care System was fortunate to have Rosalie Wolf as the Executive Director of the Institute on Aging. National aging policy grows more important as the nation continues to age. Rosalie Wolf, through her work and leadership, became a true champion to those who were victimized by elder abuse.

The national aging network mourns the passing of Rosalie Wolf. She was a leader with great intellect and integrity. She was dedicated to her work and determined to make a difference in the fight against elder abuse. I offer these words on behalf of Rosalie and on behalf of her family, her many professional colleagues, and admirers.

At this point, I submit into the RECORD two additional items related to Rosalie Wolf. The first is her obituary from the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. The second is a heartfelt tribute written by a close colleague of Rosalie's from California, Lisa Nerenberg.

ROSLIE WOLF, 74

WORCESTER.—Rosalie (Savat) Wolf, 74, of 25 Ashmore Road, an active researcher and worker in the fields of elder abuse prevention and gerontology, died Tuesday, June 26, in UMass Memorial Medical Center—Memorial Campus after an illness.

Her husband, Wallace W. Wolf, died in 1988. She leaves two sons, Dr. Gary L. Wolf of Worcester and Dr. Jonathan S. Wolf of Upper Saddle River, N.J.; a daughter, Amy Wolf of New York City; her twin sister, Constance

Kreshtool of Wilmington, Del.; and five grandchildren. A sister, Nancy Melnik of Cherry Hill, N.J., predeceased her. She was born in Worcester, daughter of Samuel and Tillie (Lederman) Savat. She graduated from Classical High School and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude honors from University of Wisconsin. She earned a doctorate in social welfare policy from Brandeis University in 1976.

Since 1990, Mrs. Wolf was executive director of the Institute on Aging at UMass Memorial Medical Center, and assistant professor of family medicine, community health and psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. From 1981 to 1990, Mrs. Wolf was associate director of the University Center on Aging at University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She previously was director of the gerontology planning project at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center for four years. From 1976 to 1977, she was a project director of data monitoring and evaluation for the Division of Family Health Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

She received numerous grants and awards for her research in elder abuse and authored and edited many articles on the subject. She was the founder and editor of the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*.

Mrs. Wolf was active in the gerontology field on the local and national level, serving in several capacities. She was honored by Temple Emanuel as a life trustee. She also assisted in writing legislation for a number of states and testified before the U.S. Congress at least once or twice a year for the past 10 years.

The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in Temple Emanuel, 280 May St. Burial will be in B'nai B'rith Cemetery. Memorial observance will be held through Sunday, July 1, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Wolf, 10 Donna Road. Memorial donations may be made to the Wallace W. Wolf Endowment Fund, Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609; or to Temple Emanuel, 280 May St., Worcester, MA 01602. Perlman Funeral Home, 1026 Main St., is directing arrangements.

ROSLIE WOLF, PHD—IN MEMORIAM

(Submitted by Lisa Nerenberg, friend and colleague)

For over two decades, Dr. Rosalie Wolf was the driving force behind a movement to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of our nation's most vulnerable members . . . the elderly. She devoted much of her career to exploring the causes, patterns, and treatment of elder abuse and neglect through her own groundbreaking research and by promoting the work of others. She edited the *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, spearheaded multiple demonstration projects, and provided advise and help to countless organizations and individuals.

Dr. Wolf was committed to helping seniors remain in their homes and communities, avoiding unnecessary institutionalization. But she also recognized that achieving that goal required a safety net of supportive and protective services, and that to create such a safety net required the cooperation of multiple disciplines. Much of her work was devoted to promoting cross-disciplinary exchange and cooperation. She founded the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, a remarkable diverse network of researchers, educators, police, prosecutors, advocates, health care professionals, and protective service personnel to promote research, advocate for enlightened policy, raise public awareness, create grassroots local programs, and promote collaboration. It is a distinctive and distinguished group;